



# Pre-school News

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July 2007

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th July  
Summer Social @The  
River Shack  
Tickets £10 from Vicki

Friday 20th July  
Last day Summer Term

Saturday 21st July  
5 a-side Football  
Support the pre-school  
team

Tuesday 31st July  
Fancy Dress and Pet  
Show

Monday 3rd September  
1st Day Autumn Term

Wednesday 26th Sep-  
tember  
Committee Meeting

Monday 22nd October-  
Friday 26th October  
Half Term

Friday 14th December  
Last day Autumn term

## What a Lot of Water!

This term's water topic has been enjoyed by all the children. A highlight was a visit from parent Doug Hazell who kindly brought in his kayak to show the children. His talk was great and the children listened really well. They especially enjoyed having the safety rope. They then sat down and enjoyed hot chocolate and a biscuit.

With the topic being water we had planned lots of outside water activities but due to the weather we have had to adapt this to avoid getting wetter than intended! However we have had fun and got wet where we can! To enable

us to make more use of the outside area in all weathers our next purchase is going to be 6 Muddy Puddle water proof all in one suits. This will ensure that small groups of children will be able to go outside even in the rain without getting wet clothes. This is important as there are many learning opportunities to be had going out in all weathers and giving the children access to fresh air is a very important part of pre-school aim to promote health. We hope to have the suits ready for September (although we hope not to have to use them until later in the term!).

## Committee News

The AGM back in April was very well attended. Goodbyes were said to a few committee members and presentations were made to Luke Peakman, standing down as secretary, and Emma Yunnice standing down as treasurer. The new committee is made up of the following: Chair: Laura Kies, Vice Chair: Allyson Mercer, Secretary: Marie Hazell, Treasurer: Caroline Duckett, Health and Safety: Kelvey Andrews, Purchasing: Sam Marney, PR: Rebecca Gillmore, General committee: Sarah Caisley, Emma Bridge & Kate Marke.

A separate fundraising group has

also been set up led by Vicki. The role of this group is to co-ordinate the fund raising events throughout the year. This is not an elected group and therefore meetings are open to all. If you have any time to give and would like to get involved please talk to Vicki. Each event can be run by a different group of people so any help you can offer, if just for one event, will be greatly appreciated.

Minutes of committee meetings are available on the pre-school website. For those of you with e-mail, minutes and occasionally other messages

will be forwarded electronically. If you have not received a test message this week, please forward your e-mail address to Marie ([doughazell@gmail.com](mailto:doughazell@gmail.com)) and you will be added to the list.

If you require a paper copy, please let us know and we will post a copy of minutes in your pigeon hole.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please speak to any committee member or e-mail Laura (Ken Kies@msn.com).



## Staff news

Suzanne and Sarah have both settled into their new roles as Deputy and part time assistant.

Staff are currently meeting with Laura and Kate for their annual performance management reviews.

Outcomes have been very positive and staff are all keen to continue to develop their skills and expertise.

Thank you to all the staff for their commitment and hard work this year. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team.

## Hello...

Molly, Francesco, Robin who have joined us this term

## and goodbye...

Francesco!, Emily-Rose, Emily, Molly, Ellie, Freya, Taya, Cameron and Ben who leave us this week. Good luck to you all.

## Joining Pre-school

If your child is due to be 2 1/2 this year, please call pre-school for an information pack (782155) or download a copy from the website. Visits always welcome.

## Parent Helpers

Parents are always welcome to come and join in the fun at a pre-school session. Please see Kate if you are able to help out at all.

## Pre-school tops

New! Age 2-3 t-shirts and sweatshirts available next term in addition to the usual sizes. Priced £3 and £5 respectively.

## Pre-School/Big School!

Our temporary move to Stoke Gabriel Primary school during the Church Flower festival went really well despite one child worrying that it would all be too hard at big school!

The children enjoyed playing with

some of the younger school children and it was lovely to see some familiar faces now looking so grown up! Thank you to everyone at school for welcoming us and to Emma for preparing our snack.

## And finally...

Have a great summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you and your families at the carnival events. See you back in September ready for lots more fun!

## Down On The Farm

Back in May the children went on a visit to Occombe Farm. They enjoyed a tour of the farm and feeding the cows. The children explored the nature trail and hunted for caterpil-

lars under the trees.

A highlight of the trip was sitting on the tractor!

## Carnival Week

Yes it's carnival time again! Pre-school are hosting the fancy dress and pet show on Tuesday 31st July. Check last week's flyer for details. All money raised at the event goes directly into pre-school funds so let's make it the best ever. All offers of help on the day gratefully received!

On Saturday 4th August it's parade day so get busy designing your African themed costumes to make our entry the most spectacular yet!

## Snack

Please remember to provide a snack for sharing during a morning session, Fresh or dried fruit, vegetables, breadsticks, rice cakes are ideal. All children receive free milk. Thank you.